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Statement of a Man Who Went to Philadelphia to Work.

ENGAGED BY FALSE PRETENSES.

He Claims That Men Secured in New England Were Deceived as to the Nature of the Work Expected of Them—New Men Offered \$2.50 a Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Philadelphia men were greatly disappointed when it became known that President John Lowell Welsh of the Union Traction company, refused to ratify the agreement that had been supposed to end the great street railway strike. The agreement was made on the authority of Thomas Holan, a director and heavy stockholder in the company, and was believed to be binding. When Mr. Welsh, however, issued a statement saying that the company would "retain 1,000 new men already secured," and would take back only 3,500 of the 4,500 strikers, practically all of the company's terms, the strike was on again. Saturday was made memorable by several riots, which resulted in the smashing of many car windows and numerous arrests.

At a late hour last night the strike situation was apparently unchanged, but the air was full of all kinds of rumors. No attempt was made to run cars during Sunday. Many conferences were held on both sides, but no statement was given out. At the West Philadelphia station of the Market street line a small army of new men are confined. They were brought here from Boston and other New England cities to take the place of the strikers. Soon after their arrival one man became dissatisfied and left. To the strikers he said that all the men would leave, but that they were practically prisoners, they claim they were led to believe that they were wanted to open a new trolley line here, and upon learning the truth became disgusted and wanted to leave, but were not permitted. The Boston man declared that he had to fight his way through a crowd of traction employees to reach the door. The strikers agree that they will take legal action to secure the men's release.

Henry F. Graham, of Brooklyn, who was brought here to work, made an affidavit stating that the company is offering the new men \$2.50 a day, while they refuse the old ones \$2.

Mayor Warwick last night issued the following statement: "As matters stand my duty as the chief executive officer is to preserve the peace and order of the city, and I will, with all the force at my command, do this, and if necessary I will bring to my assistance all the force that under the law can be brought into requisition, be it state or national. Life and property shall be protected by the strong arm of the law. Lawlessness is anarchy, and that will not be permitted under any circumstances."

John Lowell Welsh, president of the company, this morning issues a lengthy statement to the public. It reiterates the company's determination to ignore any outside organization, and lays the blame for the strike and its consequences upon the parties who had no connection with the company. Then Mr. Welsh rehearses the events of the past few days, deploring the violence, and explaining the inability of the company to discharge the new men they have taken on since the strike began. The executive committee of the strikers was in session all afternoon, and last night sent a sub-committee of five employees to confer with General Manager Bechem. Attorney Stevenson instructed them to use their best efforts to effect a settlement, and if they failed, to try and make arrangements for arbitration.

FOR PEACE OR FOR WAR

Views of Leading Clergymen on the Venezuelan Dispute.

A RESORT TO ARMS IMPOSSIBLE.

All Agree That the Two Great English Speaking Nations Will Not Engage in a Fratricidal Conflict—Governor Hastings Anticipates an Honorable Peace.

New York, Dec. 23.—Ministers in nearly all the churches in the city made reference in their sermons yesterday to the Venezuelan boundary dispute and the possibility of war between the United States and England. Dr. Paychurist, in the course of his sermon in the Madison Square Presbyterian church, said:

"If Christendom wants to make the religion of Jesus, with its beneficence, its angelic character and its anthem of 'Peace on Earth' a laughing story to the ungodly and a contempt to the heathen, the best thing it can do will be to test the two foremost Christian nations of the earth to blowing up one another's cities and blowing out one another's brains."

"Unless we utterly misconceive the sentiments of the Christianized masses both here and on the other side of the water, such an issue will be morally impossible. There will be no conflict that will go beyond the point of messages and pronouncements, on either side, if the church of the Bethlehem Christ comes out and records its veto. Christianity both here and in England is too thoroughly an integral part of national life for armies and navies to clash in warfare."

Rev. Charles H. Eaton, pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity, preached a sermon on the wisdom of peace. "I was deeply moved," he said, "the day on which Christians were to celebrate the birth of Christ and proclaim from every pulpit the doctrine of peace. The nation should be waiting the millennium of the millennium, and the millennium of war should fill the land. It was more deplorable still that the two most advanced of Christian nations, the two which had done most to do away with the possibilities of war, were now apparently ready to throw away arbitration and substitute conflict."

He believed the people would visit upon the head of any statesman or leader who dared to bring about war, without first trying to arbitrate, a swift and terrible vengeance. God forbid, he said, that a nation should shrink from war for fear of depreciating the value of its arms and securities, but God forbid, on the other hand, that a nation should plunge into war unnecessarily, without first having tried every other means to bring about a settlement.

In the course of his sermon Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters, of the Bloomingdale Reformed church, said:

"War is cruel, hateful, wrong. War is hell. The political demagogues who at this Christmas are shouting for war will be branded by the second, sober thought of the American people as the criminals of the Nineteenth century. When these men had an opportunity to fight for their own land, when the Stars and Stripes were trailed in the dust, they sent substitutes. A war between England and America could never be re-negotiated until one or the other were into bankruptcy or had no more men to fill the ranks. As a preacher of the gospel of peace and universal brotherhood, I call for arbitration."

Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford preached a sermon before a meeting of the Young Men's Christian association at Association Hall on the "Misunderstandings of Christ." Towards the close of his sermon he said that the misunderstanding of Christ was evidenced by war talk that had been indulged in by the nation during the last few days. No one could be in more direct conflict with Christ's teaching than that two Christian nations should fight each other's throats for a trifle. The members of the Young Men's Christian association were numerous across the sea, and it would be an evil spirit truly that would put them at the throats of their brethren here. It would be fratricidal. There could be no war if the Christian people of both nations had anything to say about it, and he believed the Christian spirit in this instance would triumph.

Discussing the Venezuelan question in his sermon Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., said: "In my opinion the very thought of war between the United States and Great Britain is a crime. Where there is war there is something to fight for. If there is any great principle or any great issue involved there may be occasion for one nation to stand on the platform that Great Britain occupies and the platform that our nation occupies now. A war between Great Britain and the United States would be a crime, because we are the same people, the same blood and the same tongue. What great issues are involved in this question of landlordism to cause two great countries to go to war?"

Declaring the Confederates Would Fight. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—General John B. Gordon spoke in Central Music Hall upon "The First Days of the Confederacy" to an audience that filled the building. General Gordon's declarations that the Monroe doctrine must be upheld at any cost was received with enthusiastic cheers. "No man who knows what war means," said General Gordon, "will speak upon this matter without deep thought and grave consideration. However, as a man representative of the south, and as the present commander-in-chief of the Confederate veterans, I consider myself safe in saying that if war should come again the boys who were the gray, old as they are now, would come to the front once more, and their old rebel yell would be heard beyond the Canadian borders."

"Let Us Have Peace." BROOKLYN, Dec. 23.—Plymouth church last night was packed to the doors to hear Dr. Lyman Abbott's sermon on "The Venezuelan Question," during which he said: "There is reason for our prejudice against Great Britain. Whoever she has gone she has gone brusque, bold and defiant. But wherever she has gone she has carried a higher life with her. No nation has been worse for her presence. A war with England is like a civil war. We are of the same blood and kin. If we must imperil our trade and our commerce, if we must sacrifice our manufactures, if we must call our farmers from the plow—we have done it twice before, and we would do it again in a good cause. If we are to follow Abraham Lincoln we shall fire no shot until the first shot is fired at us. Let us have peace."

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Governor Hastings yesterday declared himself on the war question, unequivocally pronouncing the Monroe doctrine good. The declaration was the annual memorial services of John A. Lytle Post 125, G. A. R. In the course of his address the governor said: "I only wish to have peace. I only wish to have peace. But the fact is that there is no more danger than when a lion brandishes his sword to Grant. Two great people speaking the same language, engaged in the same pursuits, having the same habits and believing in the same God, will not go to war. Let us hope so anyway. But if there be no peace that will put a stain upon our flag. Let us stand for our rights."

Dr. Talmage Hears the Peace Anthem. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In a number of pulpits of Washington yesterday afternoon were made to the possibility of a war with Great Britain. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, in his discourse at the First Presbyterian church, said: "And now, standing here, so near the Christmas day, I hear an anthem from the sky the peace anthem. There will be no war between England and the United States. Such a war would be the greatest calamity since the creation of the world."

Trading Spanish Alliance with England. MADRID, Dec. 23.—Public opinion here is strongly in favor of England in the Venezuelan controversy, but suggestions are advanced for an alliance between England and Spain in the event of President Cleveland's action involving hostilities. The important thing upon the government is the state of friendship with England in order to counteract the Monroe doctrine.

Canada's Loyalty to England. OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—One result of the war scare will be the thorough equipment of the Canadian forces. The country will not be satisfied till all are armed with the Lee-Enfield rifle. It is gratifying to note that the same sense has been drawn Canada from the fact that the determination is expressed to hold by the old flag, come what may.

The Car Ferry's Arbitration. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily News learns from St. Petersburg that the Russian minister in the United States has been instructed to report all details of the Anglo-American dispute to his government. "The car would like to see the question arbitrated," says The Daily News correspondent.

General Harrison Declined to Arbitrate. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Friends of ex-President Harrison assert without qualification that he had received an offer of the presidency of the Venezuelan commission from the administration, and that he declined the position. According to the story told here the offer was made to members of the Indiana delegation in congress, and by them conveyed to Mr. Harrison, and that he replied, "he could not possibly accept the trust, because it would entail an arduous journey to South America and privations incident to it that he was not physically able to endure."

Sunk by an American Steamer. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Red Star line steamship Berlin, Captain Lewis, from Southampton for New York, collided with and sank the British ship Willowbank, Captain Young, of Glasgow, thirty miles southwest of the Isle of Portland, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The Falkland pilot on the Willowbank, who went below to save his clothes, was drowned. The crew of the Willowbank, including the captain's wife, were brought here by the Berlin, which returned for repairs.

Mortally Wounded by Banglars. NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., Dec. 23.—Two masked men appeared on the farm house of John E. Zigler, six miles north of this place, and upon Zigler's refusal to hand over his money one shot him, the bullet entering near the left temple and lodging below his right jaw. Mrs. Zigler grappled with the man and was shot in the abdomen. Henry Link, a neighbor, drove the burglars off. The wounds of Mr. and Mrs. Zigler are probably fatal.

Will Protest the New York Strike. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Whatever hope may have existed on Saturday for a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the tailors' strike was dispelled yesterday by the action of the Clothing Contractors' Mutual Protective association. The contractors virtually decided to make the present trouble the decisive struggle between themselves and their employees, and bade defiance to the board of walking delegates.

Jail Breaking Frustrated. SALEM, N. J., Dec. 23.—The twenty-two prisoners in the county jail here made a break for freedom, which was nearly successful. Their plan mis-carried, however, for the hole they had dug was discovered by sheriff Widgins. The sheriff found that the mortar had been carefully scooped out from between the stones of the wall in the toilet room of the main prison.

Three Drowned in a Swollen Stream. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 23.—News has just reached here of the drowning in Forchess creek of Mrs. Jennie Whitford, of Bismarck, Mo., her infant and her sister, Ada Hardage, while attempting to ford the stream. The infant's body has been recovered.

Youthful Burglars Captured. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 23.—Charles Easton, John Emory, John Brady and George White, whose ages range from 10 to 14 years, were detected in the act of robbing a grocery store early in the morning. They were locked up.

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

Ways and Means Committee of the House at Work.

SPEAKER REED'S BOND SCHEME.

It Will Doubtless Be Adopted and Presented to the House by Mr. Dingley's Committee—to Increase the Tariff on Wool, Lumber and Other Articles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—This promises to be an eventful week in the house. Before adjournment is reached next Saturday the Republican leaders of the house intend that a bill shall have been sent to the senate in response to the demand of the president's message of Friday for some means of relieving the treasury situation and protecting the gold reserve. The Republican leaders determined to act promptly as soon as the recess of the house was over. The calendar contains only on out of general law-making, and no one expects half a dozen major bills. Consequently there is little prospect of a bill of legislation in any event. It is, however, more than probable that when the session is held will be devoted largely to special-making.

As a preliminary it was decided that, while the situation in the senate as to the passage of any measure passed by the house should be kept in mind, the house must not inadvertently of the result in the upper branch of congress. The general outline of a measure was practically agreed upon, but the details have not been completed. The sentiment was unanimous that no gold bonds should be authorized, but that a bill on the lines of Mr. Reed's amendment of last year should be drawn up, and with that should be coupled some tariff changes for the purpose of raising additional revenue. Last winter the Republicans took the stand that the remedy to the gold reserve was caused primarily by the lack of revenue to meet the expenses of the government, and that it is still their position.

Mr. Reed's bond proposition, which the committee will report, provides for the reduction of the rate of interest on bonds to be issued under the acts of 1870 and 1871 for the purpose of estimating specie payment and protecting the specie reserve, from 4 to 3 per cent, and for a low rate, low denomination coin bond, which will practically be a debt certificate, to be used to supply deficiencies in the revenues. By the terms of the bill it is probable that the proceeds of any bonds issued under the acts of 1870 and 1871 as amended, shall go to the reserve, and of the latter bonds to pay current expenses. In this way a separate account can be kept, and the proceeds of bonds sold to maintain the reserve cannot be used to pay current expenses.

The details of the tariff changes will furnish the most difficult task in framing the bill. There is practical unanimity of sentiment, so far as can be learned, among the Republican members of the committee for a duty on wool and compensating duties on woolsens. The western members want the duty on wool to be at least eight cents per pound, but the indications are that it will not exceed five cents. There is some discussion of a proposition to make a horizontal increase in all the schedules except sugar of from 15 to 21 per cent, but that is opposed in certain quarters as not being on protection lines. It seems probable, however, that wool and woolsens, lumber and various other articles, will be selected.

While there is, it is said, some difference of opinion on this point, it seems certain that there will be a time limitation of two years or thirty months on the life of the tariff provisions of the bill. The point will be made that it is an emergency measure for raising revenue, and, therefore, could meet with the approval of all who believe that the treasury needs additional revenue, no matter what the individual opinions may be regarding protective duties.

The Republicans of the ways and means committee are now at work perfecting the details of the bill. It is hoped that it can be ready by tomorrow, and if so it will probably be passed under a special order of the committee on rules, or possibly under suspension of the rules. Speaker Reed and his lieutenants are not disposed to brook delay. They believe the house should do its duty promptly. After the bill has been sent to the senate the question of whether congress shall remain in session for the remainder of holidays will rest with that body. If the senate will proceed to consider it on the bill the house will remain in session, probably adjourning from day to day, but if the senate should, after the passage of the bill, show that it did not propose to go ahead with it, and should deliberately pass a resolution on a holiday recess, it is probable that the house would take care to it.

As to the attitude of the Democrats toward the bill, it seems probable that it will be opposed by most if not all of them. The silver Democrats are not disposed to vote for any bond proposition, first because they believe there is another remedy in the hands of the executive—the redemption of notes in silver. They might vote for coin bonds to borrow money if that money was needed to meet current expenses. The administration and sound money Democrats who might be disposed to vote for a bond authorization will probably be deterred from voting for the measure because of its tariff propositions, so that the solid opposition of the Democrats looked for. The overwhelming Republican majority insures its passage, however, beyond question. It is likely that several amendments will be offered by the Democrats if they can secure recognition for that purpose—one to authorize the redemption of the treasury notes of 1891 in silver, another to coin the silver in the treasury, and possibly a plain free coinage amendment.

The chairman of the leading house committees are: Ways and Means, Dingley of Maine; foreign affairs, Hunt of Illinois; naval affairs, Boutwell of Maine; banking and currency, Walker of Massachusetts; appropriations, Champlin of Illinois; military affairs, Hull of Iowa; rivers and harbors, Hooker of New York; merchandise, marine and fisheries, Payne of New York; Pacific railroads, Powers of Vermont.

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THE TENNESSEE MINE HORROR

Sad Scenes at the Funerals of Sixteen of the Victims.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 23.—The saddest scenes ever witnessed in this state were enacted at the little mining city of Dayton yesterday. In sixteen households the cries of despairing widows and helpless orphan children, the heart-broken grief of mothers, relatives and friends disturbed the peaceful quiet of the Sabbath as the sixteen mangled corpses, victims of Friday's mine disaster of Luskana, fathers, brothers and kinsmen were carried to their final resting place in the little cemetery adjoining city. Brief religious ceremonies were held at each of the stricken homes of the unfortunate men, and at 2 o'clock the last

was laid at rest. The work of rescuing the six men whose bodies are still buried beneath the debris of the cave in of slate and earth was stopped Saturday night by the accumulation of gas in the city where they lie. The large new fan recently purchased by the company did not work satisfactorily, so the rescuers are still unable to get into the mine. Last evening the fans began their work again, and it is expected that the rescuers will be able to resume work today.

The company has decided that hereafter open lamps will not be allowed in the mines, and all blasts will be made by a fire box who will be assigned to the men, who will report in sections.

State Inspector Clute stated today that so far as his investigation had gone the company had taken all the little precautions against accident. He is still taking the evidence of miners and employers with reference to the cause of the disaster.

A Clergyman on the New Woman.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Rev. John T. Edmondson preached yesterday at the Lee Street Baptist church on "The New Woman." In part he said: "Largely the real tangible present woman is one who needs must wash dishes, write little stamped notes, stand behind the counters, rule in society, patch little pantaloons, look pleasant when her back is ready to break, say she is well when she knows that she is not so, must bargain and scrimp to make one dollar do duty for three, bear children and rear them either for Heaven or hell. The work the past woman has done will probably be the work of the new woman."

Sent Prison as a Christmas Gift.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 23.—One of the most cowardly plots that a would be assassin ever conceived nearly cost the life of Jacob White, who is employed as night watchman by the Chester Electric Light company. He received a number of sponge cakes by express. After eating one he became deathly sick. An examination by a doctor of the remaining cakes revealed sufficient Paris given in them to kill a dozen men. White's life was undoubtedly saved by the overdose of poison. He thinks his life was attempted by some one who had a grudge on his life insurance.

A Trump's Severe Punishment.

RAHWAY, N. J., Dec. 23.—Martin Lee, a tramp arrested by Mayor Daly, was put to work as a street cleaner on the street with a chain and ball attached to one leg. He was watched by hundreds of citizens. Lee was sentenced by Judge Frazier to serve twenty days at hard labor under the street commissioner for abusing a servant at the residence of Charles Squire, on St. George's avenue, and for telling Mayor Daly's coachman to see a bad climber.

Three Children Suffocated.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Three children were suffocated and a mother narrowly escaped the same fate while attempting the rescue of her little ones in a fire at 21 Parkman street, near Delaware avenue and Catharine street. The names of the dead children are Jennie, aged 9 years; Lena, 5, and Dora Johnson, 3. The mother, Mrs. May Johnson, is lying hovering between life and death at the Pennsylvania hospital.

Her Skull Crushed In.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 23.—Hester Curtis, an aged widow woman living alone in this city, was found dead at her home yesterday afternoon, sitting upright in a chair, with her skull crushed in and a blood-besotted bank book in her lifeless hand. She had evidently been trying to convince her assailants, whose motive was no doubt robbery, that all her money was on deposit in bank.

Fatal Wreck on the Reading Road.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Two persons were instantly killed and two others seriously injured in a fatal collision between two local trains on the Frankford division of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad. Two locomotives and two passenger cars were wrecked and traffic was delayed for several hours. The dead are Daniel Hart, 70 years old; George Anderson, aged 16.

Four Skaters Drowned.

DENVER, Dec. 23.—While skating on Lathrop lake, seven miles west of Denver, Charles Jones, aged 8, fell through an air hole in the ice. His brother Robert and sister Maggie, aged 21 and 20, respectively, and Ida Ball, aged 16, attempted to rescue him, and all four were drowned.

Death of a Veteran Editor.

BRIEFPORT, Pa., Dec. 23.—S. T. Shugart, one of the oldest editors in the state, died yesterday at 11 o'clock, aged 87 years. He founded and edited The Centre Democrat, but retired several years ago owing to failing health.

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THE SARGASSO SEA.

A MEADOW OF FLOATING WEEDS IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

What at First Thought Appears to Be a Great Mystery Is Found to Be Very Simple When Explained—Cause of Mystery Among the Sailors of Columbus.

Only a bit of floating seaweed that the restless surf washed upon the beach, and yet the mere sight of it carried my thoughts back to one of the most important events in the history of the world, for its far away ancestors well have prevented the discovery of America.

You know the story—how the ignorant sailors of Columbus became alarmed and almost maddened when their ships sailed into what appeared to be a perfect network of impenetrable weeds. They believed that the thickening sea was a warning of Providence to turn back from their audacious undertaking, and it required all the firmness and authority of Columbus to bring them back to duty and obedience. That wonderful mass of seaweeds was something new and mysterious and therefore to be feared.

Later on, when the Spaniards became familiar with its constant presence in that triangular space midway in the Atlantic between the Azores, the Canaries and the Cape de Verde islands, they called it a "marine meadow." The sailors, however, christened it the Sargasso sea, from the Spanish word sargazo, which means seaweed. Still, though satisfied that it was not of supernatural origin, they could not account for its existence.

Science, however, long ago solved the mystery, not only of this, but of other Sargasso seas. For there are several others, and they are always found, each in almost the same spot. The diurnal motion of the earth, the never ceasing rush of the tides and the steady force of the winds create, under the tropics, a surface current in the seas, which advances, from east to west, at the rate of about ten marine miles an hour.

This current, which is called the equatorial current, or current of rotation, is only superficial, and extends in one vast mobile sheet, which moves between the tropics. It forms the genial waters of the Caribbean sea and feeds the gulf stream. At Cape San Roque it divides, one part flowing south to meet and be transformed into a submarine current by the north polar current; on the other side it bathes the shores of Guiana and Brazil.

And then there is the "gulf stream of the east," which issues from the bay of Bengal. Its waters, like those of our own gulf stream, may be distinguished from the bordering waters of the great ocean by their indigo tint. The Japanese call it the black river.

Leaving the bay of Bengal, this great warm current passes through the strait of Malacca, sweeps the coast of Asia, and then, north of the Philippine islands, rushes out into the ocean, describing the arc of a great circle as far as the Aleutian islands. Like the gulf stream of the Atlantic, it moderates the rigor of the climates that it traverses.

The analogy between these two great oceanic arteries is wonderful, but it is enough for our present purpose to know that to their circuitous currents the Sargasso seas owe their existence.

How? Well, this is easily explained. Drop some pieces of light moss or bits of cork or wood into a tub of water; then with your hand near its edge give the water a circular motion. In a moment you will see that all the floating substances will have collected in the center. Continue the circular motion, and at the same time blow sharply against the floating objects, and they will change their position, but will not leave the vicinity of the center so long as the rotary motion of the water continues. Observe, too, that this center is comparatively calm.

This is the explanation of the Sargasso seas. In the center of the several circuits of the great oceanic arteries vast basins of comparatively still water are formed. The currents by which they are surrounded constantly throw toward the center all floating substances, especially marine plants, and these, owing to the quiet waters, multiply with great rapidity, these that have lived their appointed time sinking out of sight, while new ones take their place. Even the action of the winds, as intimated above, serves only to shift this position slightly.

The "marine meadow" with which we are most familiar, that of the mid-Atlantic, spreads over an extent of surface five or six times as large as the territory occupied by France. What a wonderful meadow on land that would be for cattle! And yet it is scarcely less so where it is for the creatures of the sea. This sargassum, or gulf weed, is rather odd looking. Its frond is very long and furnished with distinct, stalked, nerve-like leaves and berry-like air vessels or simple axillary stalks. It is found floating or cast on the shores, but its true home is at the bottom of the sea, whence, becoming detached, it rises to the surface, buoyed up by its curious little air vessels.

The sargassum hardly looks "good enough to eat," but that it is both palatable and nutritious is abundantly proved by the many dishes that are prepared from it, not only in China, but in other parts of the east.—Helen Harcourt in Philadelphia Times.

Does It Pay to Be Sick?

Besides the discomfort and suffering, illness of any sort is expensive. Hundreds of people consult the doctors every day about coughs and colds. This is better than to suffer the disease to run along, but those who use Otto's Cure for the throat and lungs do better still. It costs less and the cure is certain. You can get a trial bottle free of our agents, J. J. Chambers, 27 North St. near Post Office.

DR. AHLWARDT'S MISSION.

He Comes to America to Stir Up Strife Between Jew and Gentile.

Dr. Herman Ahlwardt, the famous Jew baiter of the German reichstag, has come to America on a strange mission. He proposes to start an agitation against the Hebrews that will result in depriving them of the suffrage and of the right to hold public office. He proposes to lecture in New York, Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Baltimore. As Herr Ahlwardt speaks only German, his lectures are not apt to cause a very widespread sensation, though the impudence of his propaganda has excited the public curiosity as well as general condemnation.



DR. AHLWARDT.

"I came here," said Dr. Ahlwardt, "for the purpose of uniting the working classes of this country against the Jews. The Jews produce nothing by their own labor, and their sole desire is to reap the benefits of the work of others through trickery and fraud. I maintain that the Jewish spirit is corrupting the gentiles; that labor is oppressed by the Jews, and its fruits are absorbed by them. I hope I shall be able to arouse the slumbering anti-Semitic feeling in this country. I do not expect any hostile demonstration while I am here, although I intend to stir things up a good deal. I hope that those who do not agree with me will fight me openly and face to face."

The anti-Semitic crusade in Germany began in 1870 with Daring, who was a professor at the University of Berlin. It was through reading his pamphlets that I became interested in the movement. You must remember that this fight, begun by Daring and carried on by me, is a race fight. There is another movement against the Jews, which is of a religious nature. The leader of it is Dr. Stoecker, formerly court chaplain."

Dr. Ahlwardt is of medium height and stout, with a jolly face. He is 50 years old and was born in Pomerania, near the Baltic sea. He was a public school rector in Berlin when he began his war on the Jews. Then he went into politics and was twice elected to the reichstag, where there are now 17 anti-Semitic members. He served in the war against France and has been three times imprisoned for uttering sentiments against the government of Berlin.

Traffic Through the Baltic Canal.

Traffic through the Emperor William canal has not yet realized even the most modest expectations. There is no longer any doubt that with existing docks no great increase of traffic is to be expected.

Dad Was Derived From the Welsh.

Probably very few sons and daughters know that in using the word dad they are speaking the purest Welsh. The opening words of the Lord's Prayer in Welsh are "Eiddad."

Unprofessional.

Friend—You look blue, doctor.
Doctor—I am blue! I took a month's vacation, leaving my practice in the hands of a newly graduated physician, and when I return I find my practice completely ruined.

Friend—Didn't know his business, eh?
Doctor—No. He actually cured every patient I had.—London Answers.

In the light of eternity we shall see that what we desired would have been fatal to us, and that what we would have avoided was essential to our well being.—Fenelon.

Let's take the instant by the forward top, for we are old, and on our quickest decrees the inaudible and noiseless foot of time steals ere we can effect them.—Shakespeare.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years it was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O., Sold by Druggists. 75c.

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CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is so near at hand, that we make this last reminder about Holiday presents. We have called attention to Gloves and Mittens, Hats and Caps, Silk Mufflers, Neckwear and Clothing. To-day we wish to add that our selection in every line is yet as complete as the most fastidious may desire. Our prices are always the lowest, as purchasers who shop around will easily find out.

As to Neckwear we repeat, we show the finest selection in this city and our price is for 50c. Tecks and four-in hands, 35 CTS. EACH OR 3 FOR \$1.

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It is a pleasure to see its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative, effectually cleansing the system, regulating the bowels, and removing all impurities, and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from any objectionable substance.

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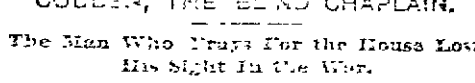
Present Condition of the English Name-sake of the American Metropolis.
There can be no doubt that one of the most interesting towns of England is the city of York. There will be found distributed in a lavish manner what all the world of America could not possibly purchase or create. Indeed the same may be said of every other country, for nowhere can we now reproduce the marvelous architecture or the stained glass of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and no town is so rich in these unequalled works of the past as the town of York. That this is fully appreciated by Americans is best set forth by the fact that recently no less than 600 Americans visited York in one single day.

York minister is the king of English cathedrals. Apart, however, from the cathedral, York has a much greater number of churches as old and in their way, as remarkable as the cathedral. What, however, seems to me most exceptional is not these ancient monuments, but their surroundings. Throughout Europe, in London, Paris and elsewhere, medieval cathedrals, town halls and other buildings still subsist, but they are surrounded by a framework of modern houses and streets. At York, on the contrary, as at Frankfurt, Nuremberg and a few other continental towns, the streets as well as the churches recall the middle ages.

York is just the opposite to Hull. The latter town owes its very existence to its commercial capabilities, while York never was a commercial town. Hull is a town which has absolutely nothing to show, yet it has a population of more than 200,000 inhabitants, and many of its citizens are extremely wealthy. Hull fought for the parliament against King Charles, and Hull was celebrated for its cruelty toward the Catholics. York, on the contrary, fought for the king against the parliament, and, as Catholics were not so cruel as the York prisoners, they were sent from York to Hull when it was thought desirable to treat them more harshly. Many very excellent families have selected to reside in York, but there are very few large fortunes. York is a town of great gentility; Hull is a town of wealthy vulgarians. York has seldom by accident preserved what is of historical and artistic value; Hull has with its finger destroyed all that was of historical and artistic value. These two towns, so close to each other, constitute an excellent contrast. Hull treating the two great currents of opinion, which for several centuries have stirred the world, each other.—Philadelphia Times.

COLDEN, THE BLIND CHAPLAIN.
The Man Who Preaches for the House Lost His Sight in the War.

The Rev. Henry N. Colden, the new chaplain of the national house of representatives, is totally blind. He lost his sight while in the field fighting for the preservation of the Union, and a grateful country will for a time pay him \$900 a year for opening the sessions of the house with prayer. He enlisted in the army when he was only 19 years of age and went to the front as a member of the Sixth Ohio Infantry. When his first term of service as a volunteer expired, he re-enlisted for three years. He fought under McClellan in the West Virginia campaign and was with Grant at Shiloh. In February, 1863, he was transferred to the First Mississippi Marine brigade. One day near Austin, Miss., he received a charge of small shot full in the face and was soon horrified to learn that he was totally blind.



He received an honorable discharge from the army and entered a school for the blind at Columbus, O., remaining there for seven years studying and preparing himself for the ministry. He then entered the Theological seminary at Canton, N. Y., and was finally licensed to preach. His first pastorate was at Madrid, N. Y., and he has since preached the gospel at Willoughby, O.; Chatham, Mass., and Port Huron, Mich. He was pastor of the Universalist church at Port Huron until several months ago, when he resigned. He is described as a man of lovable character and scholarly tastes.

Congress has long been partial to blind chaplains and chaplains who make short prayers. The Rev. W. H. Milburn, who became famous as the "blind chaplain of the house," was appointed away back in 1845 and has been praying in the house at intervals for the past 50 years. Not long ago he was transferred to the senate, which he now opens with prayer.

Electric Bitters
Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at McMonagle & Rogers Drug store.

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A genuine ghost-story has yet to be attested; but not so a genuine blood-purifier. Over and over again it has been proved that Ayer's Sarsaparilla stands alone among medicines as the most reliable tonic-alterative in pharmacy. It stood alone at the World's Fair.

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On October 18th, 1894, Dr. King, father-in-law of the late Hon. Henry W. Grady, Editor of the Atlanta Journal, obtained a bottle of Munyon's Rheumatism Cure. On October 24th, he gave the following testimonial to the Atlanta Constitution: "You may say to the Munyon Remedy Company that their Rheumatism Cure is the most wonderful medicine I ever heard of. It has infirmed short week cured me entirely, and you know how I have suffered for years with rheumatism. I feel as if I could dance a jig."

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SOUTH CENTREVILLE.

A Marriage—Sick—With Influenza—Death of an Old Soldier—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGENT and MERCURY.

A quiet home wedding took place Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelley, of Mount Orange, when their daughter, Miss Georgie, was united in marriage to Mr. Clarence H. VanDervort, of South Centreville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Taylor, of Westtown. The bride was becomingly attired in a dress of ecru Bedford cord, trimmed with white lace and ecru ribbon. The bride-maid, Miss Mary Kelley, sister of the bride, wore white crepon, trimmed with lace and ribbon. The groomsmen were Mr. David E. Holbert, cousin of the groom. After congratulations had been offered a wedding supper was served. The bridesmaid was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

—Mr. Martin Robertson is confined to his home by an attack of influenza and does not improve very fast. He is attended by Dr. F. D. Myers.

—Mr. F. H. VanDervort had his cattle disbanded, on Tuesday. Mr. John Eaton did the disbarring.

—Mr. James Carr and family are mourning the loss of their old family house, which died quite suddenly on Wednesday last.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. S. VanInwegen, of Middletown, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mulford, last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Van Dervort are both confined to the house to the house with the influenza.

—The school closed on Friday night, for the holidays.

—Mr. George Robertson filled his ice house last week.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

A Christmas Pigeon Shoot—New Watering Trough—Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGENT and MERCURY.

—E. C. Gregory, of Liberty Falls, is the guest of D. A. Van Inwegen.

—A pigeon shoot will be held here Christmas afternoon. One hundred live birds and 1,000 clay pigeons will be provided.

—G. W. Tilford will have a raffish at Bennett's hotel, Christmas eve.

—H. W. Brink has built a new watering trough in front of his residence on the plank road.

—Mr. Morris M. Lloyd has returned from his trip to Atlanta looking as fine as ever.

Solistic Rheumatism Cured.

L. Wagner, Wholesale Druggist Richmond, Va., says: "I had a fearful attack of Solistic Rheumatism, was laid up almost two months; was fortunate enough to get MYSTIC CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. This cured me after doctor's prescriptions had failed to have any effect. I have also heard of fine results from others who have used it." Sd by J. E. Millie druggist, Middletown, N. Y.

GRATIFYING INCREASE IN THE STATE'S WEALTH IN FIVE YEARS.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23.—The returns to the department of internal affairs show a gratifying increase in the state's wealth in the past five years. The number of taxable in Pennsylvania. The number in 1895 is given at 1,796,281, as against 1,532,855 in 1891. A marked increase is noted in the counties of Beaver, Carbon, Clearfield and Philadelphia, and a decrease in the counties of Butler, Dauphin, Fayette, Lebanon and Westmoreland. The increase in Philadelphia in 1891 and 1895 is quite noticeable. In the former year the number of taxables was 276,977, and in the latter 322,257.

The number of taxables and the population of Philadelphia constitutes a large percentage of the entire taxables and population of Pennsylvania. This increase will secure for Philadelphia a much larger share hereafter of the school appropriations.

The returns also show that there are 10,270,157 acres of cleared land in Pennsylvania as against 12,324,712 in 1891. The number of acres of timber land reported in 1891 was 7,692,549 and in 1895 9,631,740.

In 1891 the value of all real estate in Pennsylvania was \$2,631,601,507; in 1895, \$2,741,943,819. These estimates are based upon the assessed values as returned from the several districts of the commonwealth, and the amounts so given include the real estate exempt from taxation. Five years ago the valuation was given at \$2,255,151,324. It will be seen that there has been an increase of about \$500,000,000.

In Allegheny county the valuation was \$143,791,914; in 1895 \$152,192,325. Philadelphia shows an increase of about \$15,000,000, and Westmoreland of about \$19,000,000. Marked decreases are noted in the counties of Jefferson, Cameron, Chester, Cumberland, Greene, Northampton, Perry and Washington. In most of the counties there is a fair increase.

The value of real estate exempt from taxation in 1895 was \$270,121,615. The value of real estate taxable is reported in 1895 at \$2,471,019,211, an increase in five years of \$78,651,321, and from 1891 to 1895 of \$1,783,456.

Fatal Fire in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Fire at 5 o'clock yesterday morning resulted in a monetary loss of \$70,000, one man's life and the severe injury of several others. The fire originated in Tomany's bakery, and quickly spread to B. C. Cook's clothing store and the Central hotel, entirely destroying the three structures. The fire and guests all escaped with their lives, but a few little ones. Ed Stevens, a servant at the hotel, was burned to death. S. L. Ritz, a sure, died in rescuing a woman and three children, and then, to save himself, had to jump from a fourth story window. He is fatally hurt. George W. Blakes, Misses Conover and Emma New, jumped from the second story, and all are severely injured.

Murdered for Less Than Four Dollars.

ELIZABETH, W. Va., Dec. 23.—At Jacob Branch, Wyoming county, while Alex Felly with his wife and daughter Nellie were eating supper, a black at the door took Felly to the front of the house, where he was confronted by two men, who ordered him to give up his money. The old man hesitated and he was struck on the head with an ax by one of the men and killed almost instantly. The mother and daughter rushed to the rescue of the father and were seized by the men and tied and gagged. The robbers then ransacked the house and secured \$2.00.

A Sunday Morning Murder.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 23.—James Cook shot and killed Marshall Jones early yesterday morning in South Chester. Both are colored. Cook came home after midnight and found Jones in his house. Cook accused the intruder of intimacy with his wife, and, pulling a revolver from his pocket, began to shoot. Jones, run from the house, put up by the enraged husband, who emptied his revolver at the fleeing man, and put five bullets into his body. Jones was sent to the hospital, but he did not live long. Cook was arrested.

Bond, Gagged and Robbed.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 23.—Thompson Martin and wife, an aged couple residing in the Uniontown a father above Brownsville were the victims of a robbery and rape at the hands of a band of masked robbers, who bound, gagged and robbed them of all they had in the house. The robbers got 25 and then demanded the \$500 which Martin had recently received, but fortunately he had deposited it in the bank as soon as he got it. The aged victims were strapped to the doorlock and gagged and left by the bandits.

Van Fleet Brothers Sent to Prison.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 23.—Peter and Arthur Van Fleet, of Dunellen, nephews of the late Vice-Chancellor Van Fleet, were Saturday sentenced to two years each in state prison by Judge Rice. The young men were charged with stealing five chickens. Arthur Van Fleet has served two terms in state prison, one of three years and one of four, for horse-stealing. His brother has also been in jail for horse-stealing.

Coal Supplied by River.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—The river has risen rapidly, and in consequence another large consignment of coal will be started down the Ohio for southern ports today. All the returning boats from the last shipment, tied up within fifty or a hundred yards below this city, were enabled yesterday to start for their port, and it is expected that with these boats, and those already here, 100,000 bushels of coal will be away on this day.

Refused to Release Hannigan.

POTSDAM, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Judge Barnard refused today to discharge David L. Hannigan from the Hudson River State hospital. He insisted on a decision given last Wednesday, that the indictment of the state lunacy commission to the certificate of sanity given by Dr. Pilgrim, superintendent of the hospital, is needed to make Hannigan's discharge legal.

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besides its wonderful effect as a food, is invaluable in such cases as an external application, nourishing by absorption, and creating new, healthy flesh, where the disease is manifested. Dr. H. M. Sanger of Providence, R. I., says that he effected very rapid cures with slight spreading and no suppuration in three cases of erysipelas, two by simply applying gauze saturated with, and the third by injecting Bovine at the border of the inflamed patch. All Druggists.

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A CHRISTMAS PUZZLE.

What and where to buy a Christmas Present that will be useful and ornamental, and at the same time to be within the reach of the average purse, has puzzled thousands but it need be a puzzle no longer if you will visit the store of B. F. Gordon, the Jeweler, and look around carefully. We will endeavor to merely give you a synopsis of a few of the articles we keep in stock, leaving you to judge for yourself when you visit us. You will find imported and domestic art goods in

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MONDAY, DEC. 23, 1895.

It is figured in financial circles that the losses already made by us through menage of war with England foot up quite a thousand millions of dollars.

Hon. B. B. Odell, Jr., for a new member, was well cared for by Speaker Reed in the make up of his committee. In addition to the Committee on Mileage and Accounts of Members to which he was assigned early in the session he is on the Committee on Affairs of the District of Columbia.

It looks as if the money kings of England had opened war on American properties and credit. The fierce onslaught upon American values in London and New York, coupled with the wholesale calling in of loans by the recognized resident agents of the great English capitalists in the latter city, unmistakably point to this. Panic is invoked to crush our spirit, what mistaken effort!

Perhaps no one factor, real or imaginary, so contributed to the demoralization of the stock market, Saturday, as a story which obtained credence that the Rothschilds had determined to withdraw \$25,000,000, and also deny us all commercial credit. If true we can't complain for dollars are as potent as bullets in the game of war.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the decisions of the courts below that the battle-axe ballots voted in Long Island city are valid. This judgment of the court of last resort disposes finally of the pretensions of Hugo Hirsch, the Republican candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, who did not know when he was beaten, for there is no way apparent in which he can again assail the election of Martin J. Keogh.

It is incredible that even an inconsiderable number of the people of England are counting on American lack of backbone, American love of money and anxiety for the preservation of business and property, as makeweights on the side of peaceful solution of the Venezuelan contention. Whatever else may intervene to avert arbitrament of this dispute by the sword, dread of guns and blood spilling, dread of destruction of property and ruined fortunes, will upon our side play no part in the matter. God forbid that we should not be for honorable peace, that we should rush into conflict without adequate cause; but terrorized into submission to what we have denounced as wrong, we never will be!

Granted a Divorce.

Mrs. Lena J. Edwards was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, Irving G. Edwards, by Judge Brown at special term in Newburgh, Saturday.

The most important evidence was given by George Terwilliger and his sister Carrie to the effect that in November, '94, Edwards and one Maggie Bartley spent a night together at Bush's hotel in Pine Bush. Edwards was formerly baggage-master at the O. & W. depot. He is supposed to be in Kansas. Mrs. Edwards is a daughter of Mr. L. L. Purdy, Vanauco, Watts and Vail were the plaintiff's attorneys.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAN P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 15 North street, Middletown, N. Y., stocks, bonds, grain and provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

| NEW YORK, Dec. 23 '95. | Yesterday | To-day |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Sugar | 94 | 90 1/2 |
| U. S. F. | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2 |
| U. S. O. | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2 |
| Chicago Gas | 68 | 72 |
| D. L. & W. | 156 | 161 |
| D. L. & C. F. | 12 | 11 1/2 |
| Gen'l Electric | 10 1/2 | 14 1/2 |
| L. & N. | 21 | 25 |
| L. & N. | 41 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| M. & P. | 141 | 144 1/2 |
| N. Y. & N. E. | 21 | 23 1/2 |
| N. W. | 91 1/2 | 96 1/2 |
| N. W. | 95 1/2 | 97 1/2 |
| Quebecan & West. pref. | 21 | 21 |
| Southern Ry. | 12 1/2 | 13 |
| P. & E. | 98 1/2 | 101 1/2 |
| P. & E. S. F. | 6 | 6 1/2 |
| U. P. | 59 | 64 1/2 |
| U. P. | 61 | 64 1/2 |
| U. P. Union | 84 | 86 1/2 |
| Nat. Lead | 20 1/2 | 23 1/2 |
| May Wheat | 67 1/2 | 68 |
| May Corn | 28 | 28 1/2 |
| May Oats | 19 | 19 |
| Jan Pork | \$8 45 | \$9 62 |
| Jan Lard | \$5 25 | \$5 25 |

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown post office for the week ending Dec. 23d:

| LADIES. | GENTLEMEN. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Coleman, Mrs. Ann | Myers, Mr. Ethel |
| Core Lee, John | Parlor, Mrs. Fannie |
| Forster, Miss Lillian | Pell, Mr. James |
| McCartier, Mrs. Sarah | Rose, Mr. May E. |
| Bull, J. G. | Conroy, Eugene |
| Bull, E. O. | Robertson, R. H. |
| Carter, S. M. | Smith, Emma M. |
| Clayton, Wm. | Neuman, Fred |
| Curtis, Warren | C. L. Elwood, Postmaster. |

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

BRIGHTER TIMES IN WALL STREET

Buying Orders. Many of Them From Europe, steady the Market—Sharp Advance in Prices—Clearing House Certificates to be Issued.

BY UNITED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Buying orders from outside investors steadied the market at the opening. Practically all the foreign houses had buying orders from all parts of Europe. The fact that all settlements at the Stock Exchange clearing house passed through without trouble before 10:30 was another feature of strength. Prices advanced steadily until nearly noon when realizations brought about a reaction of one to two per cent., but at noon the market was firm again.

The Clearing House association has decided to issue loan certificates bearing six per cent. interest, and a commission of one-sixteenth per cent. per day. This means that the banks propose to do all in their power to assist the financial community.

The prospects are that but little gold will be shipped Wednesday. Stocks continued strong throughout the afternoon. The European markets are all stronger.

PHILADELPHIA'S RAILROAD STRIKE.

The Traction Company willing to Make Concession—Much Rioting To-day—Many Cars smashed and Two Men shot.

BY UNITED PRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The attempts of the Traction Company to run its cars, to-day, resulted in rioting at several points.

In a riot at Ridge and Girard avenues Wm. Matthews and Samuel Crossley were shot and a shot fired at a car on Market street went through the hat of a woman passenger. Cars on the 13th and 15th streets lines were badly wrecked by mobs and three cars were smashed on Columbia avenue.

The Traction Company offered this afternoon, to temporarily recognize the union, but reserved the right to keep the new hands as trippers. The men received this proposition with favor, but remembering the failure of Friday night's negotiations for arbitration, will yield nothing until an agreement is signed by the railroad officials.

THE VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

An Engineer Officer to be a Member—A Place Not Offered Harrison.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is reported that the President will place an Engineer officer of the army on the Venezuelan commission.

The story that the chairmanship of the commission has been offered to ex-President Harrison is authoritatively denied.

TWO FIRMS OF BROKERS FAIL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Two firms of Wall street brokers failed, to-day, Walsh & Son and Laughlin & Co.

HANNIGAN AT LIB-RTY.

NEWBURGH, Dec. 23.—David F. Hannigan, slayer of Solomon Mazo, the seducer of his sister, was liberated, to-day, from the Poughkeepsie Asylum, by order of Judge Brown.

SHOT BY MASKED BURGLARS.

PHILADELPHIA O. D. C. 23.—Masked burglars shot and probably fatally wounded farmer Ziegler and wife for refusing to hand over their money.

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NUGGETS OF NEWS.

Pulling a coffee pot upon himself, the infant son of John Tracey, of Marston, Pa., was scalded to death.

President Cleveland signed the act providing for a Venezuelan boundary commission, thus making it a law.

The jury in the case of Dr. James A. Hearn, on trial for the murder of Ames Stillwell, at Bowling Green, Ky., returned a verdict of not guilty.

Rev. John M. Farley was consecrated to the bishopric at St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, on Saturday. He will be auxiliary to Archbishop Corrigan.

Law compelling school children to study effects of alcoholic drinks will go into effect in New York city Jan. 1, and it will cost \$5,000 for text books alone.

The first of the five big steel disappearing guns, for use at Fort Wadsworth, is being mounted. It weighs fifteen tons and throws a 40 pound projectile.

An unknown woman was found murdered in a court yard in the rear of a New York tenement. The police subsequently professed to believe she had been killed by a fall.

Democratic Victory in Maryland.

WISCONSIN, Dec. 21.—Complete returns from all the election districts in Carroll county insure the election of Dr. J. W. Hering, the Democratic candidate for state senator, by a majority of seven hundred votes.

The contest has been one of the most exciting in the history of the county, because upon its result depended the political complexion of the state senate, which will assemble on Jan. 1. The election was held for the purpose of selecting a successor to the late Senator Pinckney J. Bennett, who died suddenly a few weeks after his election as a Democrat. Hering's election gives the Democrats a majority of two votes.

Lynched by a Mob of Negroes.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 24.—Barney Brown, colored, was lynched by a crowd of seven or eight negroes near Wrightsville, Ark. Brown had been living with another negro's wife, the husband having left her. The husband returned and got some of his neighbors to help him avenge himself on Brown. They took Brown to the woods, stripped him, and after whipping him took a rope and tied castings to him after which he was thrown into a mill pond and drowned. Calvin Elliott, the husband, and Valentine Hampton, his son-in-law, are in jail.

Catarrh can be successfully treated only by purifying the blood, and the one true blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

DIED.

CONKLING—At 18 Knapp avenue, this city, Dec. 21st, '95, Clarence A. Conkling, aged twenty-six years, four months.

FUNERAL—Tuesday morning at ten-thirty o'clock, at the First Baptist Church, Mulberry street. Interment in family plot, Hillside cemetery.

NORRIS—At 104 North street, this city, Dec. 22d, '95, oute died after a long illness, Sarah P. wife of Rev. John W. Norris, aged twenty-three years.

FUNERAL services will be held Monday evening, at seven thirty (7:30) o'clock, at the North Street Congregational Church. Interment at Oxford Conn., leaving Erie James street station at 7:10 a. m., Tuesday.

DEVORE—At 30 Montgomery street, this city, Dec. 22d, '95, of membranous croup, Daniel, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Devore, aged two years.

FUNERAL held Sunday afternoon, private, interment in Hillside cemetery.

SEELY—At Liberty, Sullivan county, Dec. 22d, '95, Mrs. Caroline L. Seely, wife of William T. Seely, aged 61 years, four months, two weeks, twenty-eight days.

FUNERAL will be held from the Old School Baptist Church, this city, Tuesday, at one thirty p. m. Interment at State Hill.

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biscuit, looked at it suspiciously, broke it
open and buttered it, and with critical ob-
servation transferred a small portion of
it to his mouth. Apparently it was as he
anticipated. There was a scowl upon his
forehead as he gave his sorrow words:
"Carrie," he said, "it is unnecessary to
tell me that the girl went away today. It
would be easy enough to see that even if I
hadn't known she was going."
"Yes," replied Carrie meekly, with a
questioning inflection.
"Yes," continued Mr. Spouseleigh, re-
peating the word in an emphatic tone.
"Now, I hate to find fault, because I
know you do the best you can with your
limited experience, but it's pretty tough
when a man comes home at night tired
and hungry to have such bread put before
him."
"Why, I thought," began the wife.
"That's just it. You thought you'd
surprise me, and you have surprised me,
that's a fact. Maggie's biscuits were al-
ways good, and this sudden change makes
it all the harder to try to eat one of these.
You'll have to get another girl tomorrow,
or I shall be obliged to eat my dinner
down town. I suppose I could go over to
mother's. She is such a splendid cook!
What biscuits she always made! They'd
almost melt in your mouth, and then they
were so light, and the crust so crisp, and
yet so tender!"
"But, Fred," interrupted Carrie, "these
biscuits!"
"These biscuits are able to speak for
themselves, although they ought to be
asked to do it. I don't want to be se-
vere with you, Carrie, or to say anything
to hurt your feelings, but I must say that
these biscuits are the very worst I ever
tasted in all my life."
"I'm sure I did the best I could."
"The intention, however good, doesn't
improve the biscuit. But never mind. I
won't say anything more. Get another
girl first thing tomorrow morning."
"So you really don't like these biscuits?"
"Haven't I said so? What do you ask
that question for?"
"Oh, nothing. Only I'll tell her."
"Tell her? Tell who?"
"Your mother. She was over today,
and, thinking it would seem like old times
to you, she went to work and made these
biscuits."
"What?"
"Yes, and it was quite a relief, for of
course you must know that I never dared
to trust Maggie with the breadmaking and
have always had to do it myself."
It is said that the neighbors have re-
marked that Mrs. Spouseleigh has a lovely
new seal sack this winter and that Mr.
Spouseleigh has become a dreadful bore
on account of his continued bragging of
his wife's cooking.—Boston Transcript.

An Accepted Joke.

He knelt at her feet, declaring his pas-
ionate love.

For months he had anticipated this mo-
ment with confidence, but now, as he
gazed into her gaze-like eyes, their dis-
tant faces filled his very soul.

True, too true, had been the taunts and
sneers of his companions! How could he,
poor, unknown and without even the time
honored prospects, that belong to all
penitent suitors, ever expect to win the
hand of this accomplished heiress, Cora-
line Van Rembrandt?

Could it be as they had said? That she
had drawn him in order to reveal in the
death throes of his tortured lover. Nay, by
heaven, it should not be! But stay! She
was about to speak. With set face and
clenched hands he awaited his doom.

"Mr. Quill," the silvery accents of her
dulcet tones struck strangely on his ear—
"you speak to me of love. Know you not
that love is but a game of chance?"

A metallic gleam glittered in his steel
gray eyes as he made his last stand. With-
out a second's hesitation he replied, with
strange emphasis:

"It is true, my darling, but with you
as the stake it is a game of fair-
play."

A suspense of but a breath, and then,
as he wrapped her in his manly arms, the
stillness of the night heard him murmur,
"And I'm a sure winner on the queen!"

Three hours later, as he descended the
marble steps of her palatial home and
turned toward his humble garret, he mut-
tered, "And to think that I sent that joke
to 23 different papers and would have sold
it for 20 cents!"—Truth.

His Inspiration.

Mrs. McSwat (at the front window)—
How beautiful our town looks this evening
in its mantle of snow! It's a poem!

Mr. McSwat—It is, my angel, and I
swear it makes my heart feel light as air
to see that little town tonight arrayed in
robe of spotless white and to think how many
months must pass before I'll need to cut
the grass with that bond, beastly lawn ma-
chine that—

Mrs. McSwat—Pardon! I think you're
as much as you can.—Chicago Tribune.

Always Infirmities.

Colored, what do you think of the
theory that it is dangerous to drink water
with ice in it?

"I don't know," said a lady, "but it should not be
as dangerous as it is, as at any other
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Smooth White Hands result from
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McMonagle & Rogers.

A Little Girl went with her
mother to a party where a number
of china, and in whose parl-
or was filled with her trophies, plates
and dishes, bearing indisputable
marks of age, which hung in conspicuous
places on the walls.
The child sat quietly during the long
call, and while her mother and the china
collector talked of matters of mutual in-
terest she looked about her with big, won-
dering eyes.
"Mamma," she said thoughtfully as she
was getting ready for bed that night,
"don't you feel sorry for poor Mrs. Lask-
ell, without any kitchen?"
"Without any kitchen, child? What do
you mean?" asked her mother.
"Why, didn't you see?" asked the little
girl in a tone of great surprise. "She has
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Mrs. Wellington Brown." Dr.
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